

FISHERIES—REPORT OF Mr. BENI PRASAD

25. മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി നൽകുമോ.—

(എ) ഇന്ത്യാഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ഫിഷറീസ് ഡെവലപ്പ്മെന്റ് അഡ്വൈസർ മിസ്റ്റർ ബെന്നി പ്രസാദ് ഇവിടുത്തെ ഫിഷറീസ് വകുപ്പു വികസനത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്ന റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ ടി.വകുപ്പിലെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർക്കു ആവശ്യമായ യോഗ്യതകളെക്കുറിച്ചു വല്ലതും പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ:

(എ) ഇല്ല.

(ബി) മേൽ (എ) ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ മറുപടികൊണ്ടു് ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ മറുപടി ക്കു് ആവശ്യമില്ല.

4. Condolence motion on the demise of Rao Bahadur P. I. Varghese

Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar (Nominated): Sir, I beg to move the following motion for the acceptance of the House. "This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow in the sad demise of Rao Bahadur P. I. Varghese who was for some time nominated member of this Council".

Sir, the late Rao Bahadur P. I. Varghese was one of those who had a distinguished record of service in the State. He was appointed directly from the Bar as a Judge of the Chief Court in January 1913 and he held that position with ability and dignity for a long period of about 17 years of which for nearly 6 years prior to his retirement he was the Chief Judge of that Court. Sir, the administration of Justice in our State may be said to be comparatively free from the proverbial reproach of the laws' delays. If this is so, I think it was in a large measure due to the untiring efforts of Rao Bahadur P. I. Varghese and the watchful control which he exercised during his stewardship of the department. The reference made in the High Court recently would show the esteem in which he was held by the Bench and the Bar in Cochin.

Shortly after his retirement he was nominated as a Member of the Third Legislative Council and though he remained there only for a short time he did useful work in connection with the Tenancy Bill, a highly controversial measure then before the Council, which was subsequently passed into law with some modifications and placed on the statute Book as Act XV of 1113. Considerations of health prevented him from continuing his participation in the public life of Cochin. He was spending most of his retired life in his native place at Thiruvalla where he passed away at the age of seventy-one. He was a man of real culture, with a liberal out-look and imbued with great ideas. Though he always liked to keep himself in an atmosphere of relative detachment, he was extremely affable in private life and punctilious in his manners and behaviour. It is only fitting that we should pay our tributes to the memory of one who had rendered long and loyal service to the State.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Ernakulam): Sir, I know the late Mr. P. I. Varghese only from the Cochin Law Reports where his judgments are read with very great interest by every student of law, I suppose here and elsewhere. I associate myself with all that has been said by the mover of this motion Rao Bahadur Narayana Ayyar.

Mrs. T. Francis (Womens-Ernakulam): Sir, on behalf of the ladies of my constituency I fully associate with all the high tributes paid by the mover of this condolence motion on the demise of Rao Bahadur P. I. Varghese. Mr. Varghese was the President of Cochin Christian Bill Committee and it was through his endeavours that the Christian women of Cochin State now enjoy better right on the paternal property than the women of Travancore. He tried very hard to give daughters equal rights. Even though he did not succeed that much, at least one-third share of that of a son was granted to the women. May his soul rest in peace!

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan (Ezhuvas-Kanayannur): Sir, I also associate myself with all that has been said here by the mover of the motion and the other speakers that followed him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, (Vadakkancheri): Sir, I also wish to associate myself with all that has been stated in this House regarding the late Mr. P. I. Varghese. Sir, it may be truly said that the late Rao Bahadur was an erudite Judge. A reading of the judgments referred to by my Hon'ble friend Mr. Govinda Menon will show that he was rather terse in his discussions which often times is not seen in the judgments of others. He was really an ornament to the High Court of Cochin. This greatest contribution, after retirement from